

Town of Mansfield—4 Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting – March 6, 2012

Present: Rawn (Chair), Ferrigno, Reich, Paulhus, Schaefer, Hultgren (staff), van Zelm (Downtown Partnership), Coite (UConn), Sebonik, (Celeron)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by chair Rawn.

The minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting were approved.

Coite updated members on the status of the joint UConn/Town water source EIE. He said that the modeling done for the Fenton well “A” showed that it was unlikely that additional water could be withdrawn from the Fenton River wells without the same type of restrictions that exist now (linking streamflow to pumping volume). He said that different management strategies could yield more water from the river system – but probably not during dry months. Hultgren said that he had finally received permits from the Army Corps for drilling test wells in the Mansfield Hollow area, but that they had to be signed by the Town and the Corps. He said they were scheduling the test drilling for the site “MH6” for the week of March 19th. Hultgren handed out excerpts of the Town consultant’s report on the test drilling in the Eagleville Preserve noting that the final report was less optimistic for this site to yield 200K gallons per day than the preliminary results were.

Hultgren updated members on the status of the sewage pump station design and circulated excerpts from the draft design report that was recently received from the Town’s consultant. He said that due to the depth of the incoming sewers, the wet well was very deep, in rock and hence more expensive than the preliminary cost estimate. He said he would be reviewing the collection system depth and constraints with the consultant to see if the system could be made shallower and hence less expensive. Coite suggested that Tussing (UConn facilities) could be helpful in reviewing this design.

Discussion of the water and sewer governance issue and the regulatory purview of the Tech Park were postponed. In discussing the water workshop members favored having it after the draft water supply EIE has been issued. After discussion of the water/sewer public information session, members favored having it in September when the water source selection had been made and the sewer pump station/collection system design was further along.

The next meeting was set for 7 PM, Tuesday April 3rd; however, if additional data/report information is not available at that time the April meeting will be canceled.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works